

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A method for selectively entering lottery entries into a state lottery drawing, administered by a state lottery agency, via an internet web site, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving user access at the home page of the web site;

querying users for their sign-in identification to establish whether they are pre-registered user members or non-members;

presenting pre-registered user members with a choice of member functions and content including providing access to a subscription purchasing service;

presenting non-members with a choice of non-member functions and content;

and

communicating selected information to the state lottery agency,

wherein the choice of member functions and content presented to pre-registered user members further comprises accessing a member's account for selectively determining a current balance, customer service options, history of wins and losses, and subscriptions for play that are currently alive.

2. (Original) The method set forth in claim 1 wherein member choice of functions and content include

depositing funds into the members' pre-established accounts; and

permitting the members to select an offered lottery game to play after a choice is made as to payment thereof.

3. (Canceled).

4. (Original) The method set forth in claim 1 wherein the non-member's choice of functions and content includes the establishment of an account for future play.

5. (Original) The method set forth in claim 1 wherein the common functions and content for members and non-members selectively includes

accessing information concerning: the web site, gambling addiction, and descriptions of the games that may be played.

6. (Previously presented) A method for selectively entering lottery entries into a state lottery drawing via an internet web site, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving user access at an internet web site server;

connecting the web server to a transaction server via a security firewall;

selectively connecting the transaction server to a state lottery system either through:

a) a modem connection;

b) direct high speed connection; or

c) an intermediary manual reentry of member orders from members, received at the web site and

providing access to a subscription purchasing service for members,

wherein the subscription purchasing service for members further comprises subscribing to at least one of a game and a list of games; and selecting a list of various number combinations in at least the one game and the list of games to play.

7. (Currently amended) A system for selectively entering lottery entries into a state lottery drawing, administered by a state lottery agency, via an internet web site, the system comprising:

means for receiving an access to the home page of the web site;

means for querying users for their sign-in identification to establish whether they are pre-registered user members or non-members;

means for presenting pre-registered user members with a choice of member functions and content including providing access to a subscription purchasing service;

means for presenting non-members with a choice of different functions and content; and means for communicating selected information the state lottery agency;

wherein the choice of member functions and content presented to pre-registered user members further comprises accessing a member's account for selectively determining a current balance, customer service options, history of wins and losses, and subscriptions for play that are currently alive.

8. (Original) The system of claim 7 wherein the means for presenting member choice of functions and content comprises:

means for depositing funds into the member's pre-established accounts; and

means for permitting the members to select an offered lottery game to play after a choice is made as to payment thereof.

9. (Canceled).

10. (Original) The system of claim 7 wherein the means for present non-member choice of functions and content comprises:

means for establishing an account for future play.

11. (Original) The system of claim 7 wherein the means for presenting member and non-member choice of functions and content comprises:

means for accessing information concerning: the web site, gambling addiction, and descriptions of the games that may be played.

12. (Currently amended) A system for selectively entering lottery entries into a state lottery drawing via an internet web site, the system comprising:

means for receiving an access at an internet web site web server; and

means for connecting the web server to a transaction server via a security firewall;

means for selectively connecting the transaction server to a state lottery system either through:

a) a modem connection;

b) direct high speed connection; or

c) an intermediary manual re-entry of member orders received from members at the web site and means for providing access to a subscription purchasing service for members, wherein the subscription purchasing service for members further comprises subscribing to at least one of a game and a list of games; and selecting a list of various number combinations in at least the one game and the list of games to play.

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the subscription service provides for lottery entries of an amount and frequency selected by the user.

14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the subscription purchasing service provides for lottery entries of a predetermined amount and frequency.

15. (Previously presented) The system of claim 7 wherein the means for presenting pre-registered user members with a choice of member functions and content including a subscription purchasing service includes allowing user selection of amount and frequency of lottery entries.

16. (Previously presented) The system of claim 12 wherein the means for presenting pre-registered user members with a choice of member functions and content including a subscription purchasing service includes allowing user selection of amount and frequency of lottery entries.

17. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 which further includes presenting both members and non-members with a choice of common functions and content.

18. (Previously presented) The method of claim 6 which further includes presenting both members and non-members with a choice of common functions and content.

19. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the history of wins and losses is illustrated by calculated statistical percentages.

20. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the subscription purchasing service provides members with an ability to subscribe to at least one of a game and a list of games; and select and play a list of various number combinations in at least the one game and the list of games.

21. (New) The method of claim 7, wherein the history of wins and losses is illustrated by calculated statistical percentages.

22. (New) The method of claim 7, wherein the subscription purchasing service provides members with an ability to subscribe to at least one of a game and a list of games; and select and play a list of various number combinations in at least the one game and the list of games.